

REMARKS

The last Official Action in the above-identified application has been carefully considered. The Examiner's indication that claims 1-17 and 35-46 are allowed is greatly appreciated. This amendment has been presented to overcome the formal matters noted by the Examiner.

By this amendment, the Abstract of the Disclosure has been amended. Claims 18-34 and 47-51 have been cancelled, without prejudice, to their subsequent prosecution in any continuing application or disclaimer of any of the proprietary rights set forth therein. Therefore, only allowed claims 1-17 and 35-46 remain pending in this application.

In the Official Action, the Abstract of the Disclosure has been objected to because it exceeds 150 words. By this amendment, the Abstract of the Disclosure has been rewritten such that it is within the range of 50 to 150 words so as to comply with MPEP §608.01(b). It is therefore believed that the Examiner's objection to the Abstract of the Disclosure should be withdrawn.

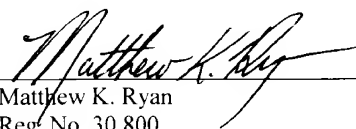
Accordingly, reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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